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File No. MM 92-726

Miami, Florida
September 30, 1965

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Re: FRANK LANG "LEFTY" ROSENTHAL aka USA
ANTI-RACKETEERING
INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

DIEGO BORGES JR 1
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

HERMINIO DIAZ JR
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

LUIS CLEMENTE POSADA CARRILES JR
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

RAMON ESCARDA JR
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

FRANK TAMAYO
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
Francisco Rodriguez Tamayo

In July, 1965, MM T-1, a federal agency which conducts intelligence investigations, furnished information received from a source described as usually reliable, on July 22, 1965, reflecting that three Americans were seeking to buy pistols, blasting caps, hand grenades, and silencers. Contacts had been made by these Americans with HERMINIO DIAZ, 732 N. W. 3rd Street, DIEGO BORGES, LUIS CLEMENTE POSADA CARILLES, RAMON ESCARDA, and FRANK TAMAYO.

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One of the Americans involved in these purchases was observed by the source of MM T-1 driving a 1965 Oldsmobile "98" bearing 1965 Florida License 1W-86111.

Subsequent investigation reflected that the automobile bearing this license is habitually driven by FRANK LANG "LEFTY" ROSENTHAL, 2123 N. E. 122nd Street, North Miami. The car is registered in the name of ROSENTHAL's wife, ROBERTA ROSENTHAL. Previous investigation has reflected that ROSENTHAL is a sports handicapper for the Multiple Sports News Service, 1090 N. E. 79th Street, Miami. He has the reputation of being a gambler and a hoodlum, and is associated with other hoodlums and jewel thieves in the Miami area.

CURRENT INVESTIGATION

On September 2, 1965, MM T-1, who had been supplied with photographs of some of the known friends and associates of ROSENTHAL, advised that MM T-1's source had been unable to identify any of these photographs as being either of the two Americans who were observed with ROSENTHAL in making contacts with the above-described Cubans. MM T-1 advised that its source had been unable to obtain any additional information concerning this matter.

On August 13, 1965, MM T-1 reported that one of the Americans with ROSENTHAL had indicated that he was then on probation for a weapons violation.

MM T-1 stated that its source had identified a photograph of FRANK LANG "LEFTY" ROSENTHAL as being identical to the individual observed driving the Oldsmobile bearing 1965 Florida License 1W86111. MM T-1's source also reported that FRANK TAMAYO is identical to FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ TAMAYO.

On September 17, 1965, MM T-2, a Cuban exile who has a wide acquaintance in the Cuban exile community of Miami,

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reported that HERMINIO DIAZ disclosed he had some sort of an interest in a boat which is registered in the name of another individual who was afraid to have his name continued as the registered owner of this boat. MM T-2 suspected that DIAZ planned to use this boat for some sort of clandestine revolutionary operation, since DIAZ is known to MM T-2 as being a rather daring, action-type Cuban who has been previously involved in revolutionary matters.

On September 22, 1965, Mr. IRVING PRICE, Vice President in charge of Sales, Seabird Boat Manufacturing Company, Hialeah, Florida, advised that in June, 1965, three or four Cubans purchased a twenty-three-foot Seabird with 2 100 h. p. Mercruiser motors. He recalled that one of these Cubans was named HERMINIO DIAZ, but that the purchase was in the name of ALBERTO SANCHEZ. The purchasers were referred to the Barracuda Boat Sales Company of Hallandale, which is a retail outlet for boats manufactured by the Seabird Boat Manufacturing Company. Mr. PRICE advised that this boat had been observed by him at Pelican Harbor, 79th Street Causeway, Miami.

On September 22, 1965, Mrs. LAUREN WILSON, office manager of the Pelican Harbor Yacht Club, Inc., reported on July [illegible], 1965, that ALBERTO SANCHEZ brought to the Pelican Harbor Yacht Club a twenty-three-foot blue Seabird with Florida Registration FL8509, bearing the name "Xione." SANCHEZ gave his residence as 861 N. E. 82nd Street, Miami. The boat was removed from Pelican Harbor and has not been returned.

On September 17, 1965, MM T-2 said that HERMINIO DIAZ is acquainted with Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, head of an anti-CASTRO organization known as the Movimiento Insurrecional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MIRR), and that one of DIAZ's friends, a mulatto, had been observed by MM T-2 in the office of the MIRR in Miami on at least one occasion. MM T-2 said that members of the MIRR have been making plans for a raid against Cuba, and allegedly possess some armaments, such as

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.57 mm. recoilless rifles, which would be suitable for mounting on a boat. However, MM T-2 was unable to determine if the MIRR has a joint interest with HERMINIO DIAZ in any kind of boat.

On July 30, 1965, MM T-3, who possesses an extensive knowledge concerning Cuban exiles in the Miami area, advised that HERMINIO DIAZ is now connected with a group of people from the Movimiento de Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MRR), which im under the leadership of MIGUEL IZA. Another leading member of this group is SANTIAGO ALVAREZ, who has been previously involved in actions directed against the CASTRO Government of Cuba. MM T-3 said that this group claims to have a boat and some arms, and will prepare to develop some type of military action in the near future.

On July 30, 1965, MM T-4, who has been closely associated with various Cuban exile groups for the past seven or eight years in the Miami area, advised that in July, 1965, LUIS POSADA CARRILES was in possession of a Stein gun equipped with a silencer. MM T-4 possessed no information reflecting any contact by POSADA with ROSENTHAL or anyone answering the description of ROSENTHAL's two American companions.

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Memorandum dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida.

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